

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in reply to First Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Claim 36 has been cancelled without prejudice to expedite issuance of the application. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claim 1-35 and 37-38 are pending in the application. The amendment is believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Summary of First Office Action

Claims 1-35, 37-38 have been allowed.

Claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In addition, Claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,456,231 as issued to McEwan (McEwan).

Remarks regarding §102(e) rejections

The applicant respectfully traverses all claim rejections. However, in order to expedite allowance of the application, the rejected claim 36 has been cancelled without prejudice. Other claims have been left in their original. The applicant specifically reserves the right to seek additional claims in a future filed continuation application.

Conclusion

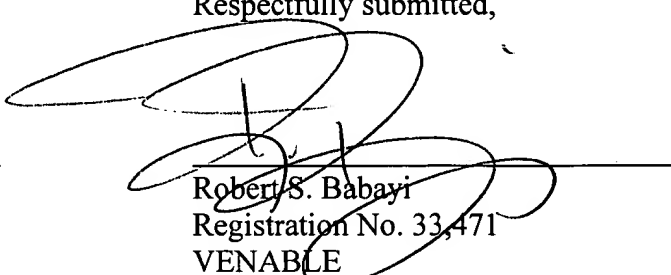
From the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection and objections have been properly traversed, accommodated or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action.

If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Applicant believes there are no additional fees associated with this reply other than those indicated. However, if this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this paper to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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